

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN THE NORTH EASTERN REGION

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the National Highway projects undertaken / to be undertaken for implementation under the Eleventh Five Year Plan and during 2008-09 to improve connectivity in the North Eastern Region, State-wise;
- (b) the allocation of funds made therefor under the Plan and the funds utilized under the Tenth Plan;
- (c) the details of the by-passes constructed/proposed to be constructed connecting various National Highways in the region under the Tenth Five Year Plan, particularly in Assam; and
- (d) the time frame fixed for each project of double laning, four laning and construction of by-passes, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Execution of National Highway works in North Eastern Region (NER) is carried out by Border Roads Organisation, National Highways Authority of India and State Public Works Departments (PWDs). Border Roads Organisation is executing NH works in Sikkim and Tripura fully and in other States partly against lump sum amount allocated by the Ministry each year. National Highways Authority of India is executing the special programmes for which Annual Plan is not drawn. PWDs of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland are also engaged to execute NH works in these States on the basis of sanctions accorded by the Ministry in successive annual plans. Eleventh Plan for development of national highways is yet to be finalised by the Government. The amount of works for development of National Highways approved by the Ministry during 2007-08 (1st year of eleventh plan) and the amount of works included in the list of works prepared by Ministry for sanctions during 2008-09 in respect of the above- mentioned 6 States to be executed by 6 PWDs is given below:-

(Rs in crore)

State	Amount of sanctions accorded during 2007-08	Amount of works listed for sanctions during 2008-09
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Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	30.00
Assam	112.12	292.00
Manipur	37.97	99.00
Meghalaya	43.87	264.00
Mizoram	21.95	119.50
Nagaland	47.08	50.50

(b) The expenditure incurred on development of National Highways in NER during 10th Plan is Rs 2383.93 crore. In addition expenditure on development of National Highways have also been incurred on Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East (SARDP-NE). The expenditure under SARDP-NE during 2006-07 is Rs 91.65 crore. The budget of 2008-09 is yet to be passed by the Parliament.

(c) Four lane Guwahati bypass was completed during 10th Plan. Karimganj, Nagaon, Daboka, Lanka, Lumding, Maibang, Udharband, Mahour, Baihata and Agartala bypasses are under construction and bypasses of Dibrugarh, Tinsukhiya, Makum, Dum Duma, Rupai, Digboi, Margreita, Ledo and North- Lakhimpur in Assam and Shillong, Jowai and Tura bypasses in Meghalaya and Dimapur and Kohima bypasses in Nagaland and Gangtok bypass in Sikkim are in Planning and Survey & Investigation stage.

(d) Timeframe for works of double laning, 4-laning and construction of bypasses approved during 2007-08 is annexed. Since sanctions for double laning, 4 laning and construction of bypasses during 2008-09 are yet to be accorded, it is too early to indicate the timeframe for each project.